

1 HB619  
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SYNOPSIS:           This bill would require that prior to the disclosure of a record of a department or agency of the state or a local governmental entity which contains personal identifying information of a federal, state, or local law enforcement officer or employee, the department or agency, upon request of the officer or employee, shall redact the record to delete the information.

A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

Relating to public records; to add Section 41-13-7.1 to the Code of Alabama 1975, to prohibit the disclosure of personal identifying information of law enforcement officers and employees upon request of the officer or employee.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Section 41-13-7.1 is added to the Code of Alabama 1975, to read as follows:

1                   §41-13-7.1.

2                   (a) For the purposes of this act the following terms  
3 have the following meanings:

4                   (1) IDENTIFYING INFORMATION. As defined in Section  
5 41-13-7, Code of Alabama 1975.

6                   (2) LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER or EMPLOYEE. A judge of  
7 any position, including a judge of a municipal court; a  
8 district attorney; a deputy district attorney; an assistant  
9 district attorney; an investigator employed by a district  
10 attorney; an attorney, investigator, or special agent of the  
11 Office of the Attorney General; a sheriff; a deputy sheriff; a  
12 jailor; or a law enforcement officer of a county,  
13 municipality, the state, or special district, provided the law  
14 enforcement officer is certified by the Alabama Peace  
15 Officers' Standards and Training Commission and is not pending  
16 decertification; and federal officers and employees in  
17 equivalent positions.

18                   Section 2. (a) Upon the request of a state or  
19 federal law enforcement officer or employee, a department or  
20 agency of the state or a county, municipality, or other  
21 subdivision of government shall redact personal identifying  
22 information of the officer from any document of the department  
23 or agency prior to disclosure.

24                   (b) Each department or agency of the state or a  
25 county, municipality, or other subdivision of government shall  
26 make available an online request form that allows a law  
27 enforcement officer or employee to request the redaction of

1       personal identifying information from the records of the  
2       department or agency.

3               (c) The redaction required by this section shall be  
4       done on the same terms and conditions as the redaction of the  
5       records of state and local employees pursuant to Section  
6       41-13-7.

7               Section 3. This act shall become effective on the  
8       first day of the third month following its passage and  
9       approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.